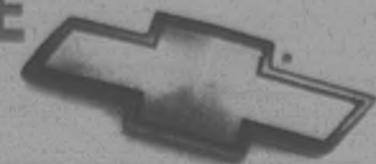


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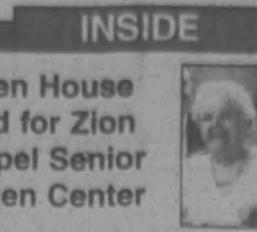
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During County BOE meeting SAFE School's first year considered a success

by Linda Hodge, Editor

sum before the board could

make a decision.

Board vice-chairman Danny Lefevre said he was looking at the matter from an economic standpoint. He said he could not see the board spending money on such a position until an already-existing employee or employees were to come and ask for help.

The board approved an out-of-state trip for the Zion Chapel Cheerleaders to attend a camp July 15-18 in Panama City. With the trip being a fully funded one, the board also approved \$100 to be given to the group for additional spending.

This motion was one which followed suit with several motions approved during the board's last meeting when trips were approved with additional spending money for fully funded trips for the following out-of-state travel for about 15 students from New Brockton High School to attend a football camp in Georgia, out-of-state travel for the New Brockton High School cheerleaders to attend a camp in Panama City, out-of-state travel for the New Brockton High School basketball team to attend a camp in Tallahassee, Fla.

Upon the superintendent's request, Becky Hardman, pro-

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During Elba City Council meeting
Spicer named to recreation board

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The annual rotation of school

board leadership took place

Thursday evening at the Elba

City School Board. Dr. Lance K.

Dress rotated to the position of

charperson, while board mem-

ber Valerie McGinnie will serve

as vice-chair. Rotating from the

position as charperson (and

not also the school board after

two terms) is Daniel Stephens.

Superintendent Danny Weeks

reported that all administrators

are now equipped with walkie-

talkies that can be accessed even

when the administrator is off

campus. Weeks said, "This is

proving to be a great advantage

for the school system."

Mr. John Osburn presented

the board with his final report

on the required

"Superintendent's Evaluation

Report." This first state required

evaluation on Danny Weeks

reflected an overall "Excellent"

and was the result of blind sur-

veys with local administrators,

teachers, board members and

other staff members as well as

visual observations and personal

interviews. Osburn conducted

with Weeks.

The Superintendent reported

the system is on schedule with

preparing the Unitary Status

Report and hopes the federal

comptroller will release the local

system from court supervision this

year.

Financial projections show

that the local school system is

"probably in better shape than I

expected, because of hard work,

budget cuts and retirements,"

Mr. Weeks reported. The gen-

eral fund reflects a fund balance

of \$399,740.76, compared to a

unanimous vote of approval by the Elba City Council.

Monthly bills totaling

\$18,630.48 were approved for

payment. This included

\$4,005.16 for vehicle and equip-

ment maintenance; \$1,116.46

for other supplies; \$3,814.60

for various chemicals; and

\$1,428.00 annual maintenance

contract on copiers at city hall,

public library and police depart-

ment.

Council member Harold

Spicer was named to the Elba

Recreation Board. This is an

additional member on the board

and an effort to place at least

one member of the governing

body over many local boards as

possible.

City Clerk Wynona Grantham

noted that the trash pick-up crews were behind

with their normal routes because

the Knuckle Boom truck was

tied up with levee right-of-way

clearing work. With some over-

time they are beginning to catch

up with their regular routes.

negative \$15,000 one year ago.
They are still \$775,000 loan

outstanding against the school,

and the possibility of protracted

school system this year,

according to financial experts.

Weeks recapped a few of the

cuts which have been enacted.

They include five units, all from

rentments and elimination of

one bus route. School officials had

earlier recommended the reduction

in staff of 12 teachers, but later

agreed to seven and now they are accepting the five units.

The Superintendent also reminded board members that a new federal rule is in effect which requires all "new hires" to have a two-year associates degree and by the year 2005 all

employees must have the associates degree. This requirement does not include office and lunchroom workers.

KATRINA CALHOUN, left, is shown being presented a plaque

commemorating his two term service on the Elba School Board.

Stephens stepped down last Thursday from his position as board

charperson and as a board member. Presenting the plaque on behalf

of the school system is Superintendent Danny Weeks.

NEWS BRIEF

On Wednesday, June 12, Elba Police attempted to serve a felony warrant on Angela Hill, 612 County Road 401.

Upon arrival police observed an unknown male subject fleeing

from the residence. A fire was also discovered at the residence.

Upon extinguishing the blaze, police officers discovered property stolen in two

burglaries that occurred this year;

and a search warrant was executed to recover the property.

Hill was arrested at the scene on a Receiving Stolen Property First Degree warrant in a third unrelated burglary that occurred this year.

On Friday, June 14, Receiving Stolen Property First Degree warrants were obtained for the arrest of

Angela Hill and Joseph Anthony Brown.

As of Monday, June 17, the suspect has been arrested and placed in the Coffee County Jail, according to Elba Police Chief R.W. Whitworth.



AFTERNOON THUNDERSTORM...An afternoon thunderstorm swept through the Elba area Friday, June 14. The storm dumped several inches of rain so hard and quickly that the storm drains couldn't keep up on some streets. Above, city of Elba employees keep an eye on the flooding water along the streets located next to the First Baptist Church while the smaller picture shows Brandon Byrd making use of the water as he plays in the puddles after the storm moved out of the area.

Area Happenings

COMMISSION MEETING. The Coffee County Commission will hold its regular bimonthly meeting Monday, June 24, 9 a.m., in the community room at the county complex in New Brockton.

POLL WORKER REMINDER. The Primary Run-Off Election will be held Tuesday, June 25. All poll workers should report to their precinct no later than 7:30 a.m. on election day. Anyone who can not work is asked to please notify the probate office immediately.

ELBA PUBLIC LIBRARY. The library will present Summer Mystery, the summer reading program, at 10 a.m. on June 26 and July 9 & 16.

CHILD-FIND ACTIVITIES FOR COFFEE COUNTY. The Coffee County School System is in the process of identifying all persons with disabilities, ages 3-21 years, who are not enrolled in an educational setting and all 0-3 year old children with disabilities.

Parents of a child with disabilities or someone who knows a disabled person, should contact the principal of their local school or the special education coordinator's office in the Coffee

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

Before we forget... July 6th is the birthday of George W. Bush. A message we received last week was a gentle reminder that it would be convenient to send the e-mail greetings to <http://www.presidentialprayerteam.org/bdgreeting.asp>. Probably this is to discourage bundles of mail in which one card could be full of germs. Then it might just be an effort to set a record on birthday greetings for a sitting president. If you do send one, please add a list of names of those of us who don't normally send greeting cards except at Christmas... and then we leave the actual addressing and stamping to our wives!

The U.S. Senate voted last week not to make permanent the repeal of estate taxes. Sometime, about 2010 we think, those who die that year will owe no estate tax, regardless of their net worth. But in 2011 the tax goes into effect again. This senate vote was mostly a party line vote, with Democrats claiming it would break the country and Republicans refusing to compromise on anything but absolute repeal. All those big money numbers don't impact us working stiffs, so we can view the issue without personal passions. Both sides (Democrats and Republicans) upset us on this issue. Total repeal is probably bad in the whole scope of things, even though the ultra rich have many ways of preserving their wealth for future generations. With existing estate limits there is more money given to charities than without the threat of the government getting a major portion of the estate. However, with continuing inflation, the limits need to be raised. Financial experts are already noting that retirement nest eggs need to have a target of over a million dollars to ensure financial security as living costs go up and people live longer and longer. If citizens are successful in getting that million dollar nest egg and are among those who die earlier than "average" their heirs can sit there and watch the government grab a big chunk of the estate. And the our children get to pay more in taxes above mentioned one million number will probably be doubled. Therefore we like the figure the Democrats budgeted around for exemption: \$3.5 million but would have settled on \$2 million. \$2.5, \$3, \$4 or \$5 million... but something more than what if that drop back to in 2011. One day all 50 states will elect statesmen (for women), rather than politicians, who are more concerned with the well being of our citizens than they are over the future success of their respective political party. We hope to be around to join the celebration when that happens.

Next Tuesday is run-off election day and there are several races which still need our attention. Locally there is only one race and that is the Coffee County School Board member for District #1... and only on the Democratic side where incumbent Charles Walker is being challenged by former board member Tom Dyess. The Republicans settled on their candidate the first time around. You can see a sample ballot on page 3 of this week's newspaper. Here are our opinions, for whatever they are worth: For U.S. Senator, Julian McPhillips trailed Susan Parker the first time around and has put his foot in his mouth several times concerning Mrs. Parker. Our choice the first time was Mrs. Parker and we stick with her. The winner will face incumbent Jeff Sessions in November. In the race for Secretary of State we really don't have enough information to comment in either party's race, except to note that Chris Pitts(D) came to the defense of Susan Parker when McPhillips was critical of her for not having any children.

For State Treasurer we strongly support Carol Jean Smith (D). As you recall our past comments on her dedication to helping people in her position with the Attorney General's office. Republicans will probably find that Kay Ivey is better qualified for this position on that side of the ballot.

For State Auditor, we again urge those voting on the Democratic side to join us in supporting County native Carolyn Gibson (her mama said she is a good girl). Republicans... we don't know Beth Chapman but do know Jim Zeigler. It is hard for us to understand how a vote for Jim Zeigler would help defeat the proposed lottery in Alabama... but that is a statement Zeigler made in a news release to the media. If folks are ever own here, but we hope to vote for Carolyn Gibson in November.

Now in November we will again be branded as fibbers because of the results at the bottom of the Democratic Primary ballots. We will honor it next week, but in November expect us to change our minds a bit and support the candidate of our choice, rather than either party! Join me... or not, the choice is yours, but do vote.



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Flight training operations set to return to Runkle Stagefield

An aviation training site in Coffee County will soon return to a tempo of flight operations not seen for a decade. "TAC" Runkle, also known as Runkle Stagefield, lies near the Pea River about four miles south of Elba. It has been used only occasionally since the 1990's, when flight training operations were shifted to other stagefields.

The 25-acre facility includes three landing lanes, a

control tower, fire station, classroom and office space. It can be used as a training site for a variety of aircraft and many training tasks, including simulated instrument approaches under visual flight rules.

Refueling operations can also be conducted at the stagefield.

Flight operations at Runkle may take place at almost any time between dawn and 1 a.m.

AARP driver safety program to be held at MacArthur July 24 & 25

MacArthur State Technical College's Workforce Development and Continuing Education Program will offer an AARP Driver Safety Program on Wednesday, July 24, 2002 and Thursday, July 25, 2002 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon each day. There are no tests.

The two half-day sessions

will be held on the MacArthur campus in the Raymond V. Chisum Health Sciences

depending on training requirements.

Though up to 20 persons may be working at the facility on any given day, fewer than ten would normally be present during a single work shift.

The facility is named in

honor of Lt. Col. Robert Runkle, who commanded the Army's first armed helicopter company in 1962 on Okinawa. He was killed in action in 1968 while serving as a battalion commander in the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile).

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CHURCH & COMMUNITY NEWS

Southern Gospel Concert planned in Andalusia at the Community Center

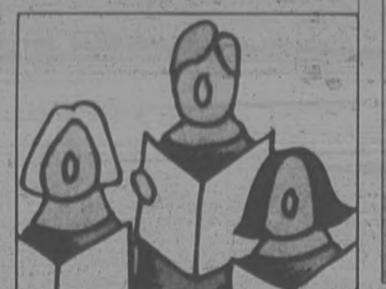
A Southern Gospel concert will be held at the Kiwanis Community Center located on Hwy 55 Bypass in Andalusia, Ala. Saturday, June 22, 2002 beginning at 6:00 p.m. The featured singers will be Spoken For, Endless Praise and The Revelators. Concessions will be provided by West Highland Assembly of God church as a fund raiser for the building fund. For more information call 334-374-2073 after 7 p.m.

Zion Chapel Baptist Church Vacation Bible School planned for June 24-28

Zion Chapel, Baptist Church will hold Vocation Bible School June 24-28, 2002 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. The theme will be "Amazon Outfitters". All ages are invited to attend.

The Gospel Enforcers to make their Wiregrass debut at Klondyke Gospel Music Center

The Gospel Enforcers, a nationally ranked group from Morgan Hill, N.C., will make their Wiregrass Area debut on June 27, 7:00 p.m., at the Klondyke Gospel Music Center, located 1/2 way between Newton and Ozark, Ala., near mile marker 23, on State Highway 123. There will be no charge for admission.



WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT...?

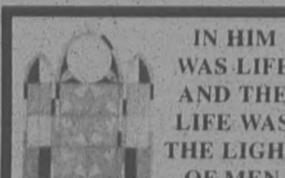
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Does God give his approval to any person to wear the title "Reverend"?

"He sent redemption unto his people; he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his name. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever (Psalms 111:9-10)." The text above is referring to God, who delivered the children of Israel from Egyptian bondage, and who established His covenant with them to be age-lasting until He would establish a new covenant (Hebrews 8:1-13; 9:15-17). But, what is interesting to bring to our attention is that only here in our English translation of God's word do we find the word "reverend" used, referring to man only. In the original Hebrew, the word is his name (Psalms 111:9). However, many people today attach the title "Reverend" to their names. It does not seem possible that any person could have the approval of God to elevate the name of a mere man to that of Deity? But that is exactly the position that men take by attaching the title "Reverend" to their names. We are now living in the New Testament age and the doctrine of Christ is now in effect. (2 John 9) "The one who has deserved to have his name elevated to the same stature of God the Father is Jesus Christ. "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every name shall bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth (Philippians 2: 9-10)." Does God give His approval to anyone who would take the position, which He gave His Son? No!

Jimmy Simmon

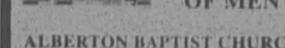
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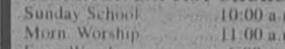
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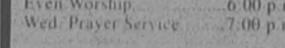
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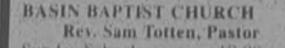
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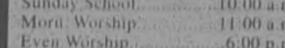
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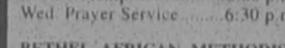
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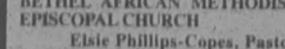
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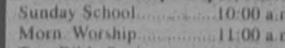
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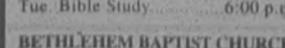
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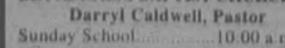
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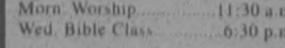
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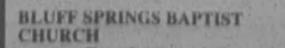
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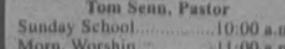
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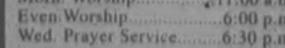
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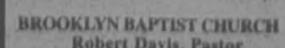
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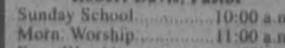
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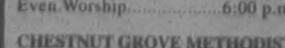
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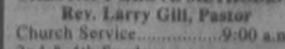
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Ron & Debbie Sherrill, Pastor
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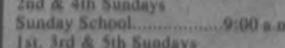
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Ron & Mary Stinson, Pastors
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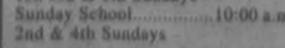
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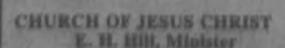
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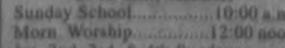
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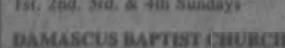
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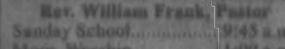
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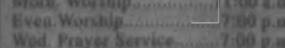
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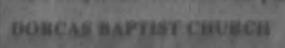
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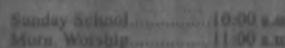
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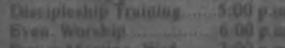
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COMMUNITY NEWS

BOE

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gram coordinator, supplied board members with an update on the recently completed first term of SAFE (Supporting Alternative For Education) School.

Hardman said SAFE School maintained a 94 percent attendance rate, and 71 Carnegie half credits were awarded. She also said 10 seniors were able to walk through graduation because of the program.

SAFE School was funded with grant monies from the Children's First Tobacco Settlement and was open to students within the Coffee County School System, as well as students from many surrounding school systems.

Before recommending personnel matters up for approval by the board, Dr. Ingram clarified that a matter which was approved at the last meeting. She said Faye Kelley, special education teacher at New Brockton Elementary School, submitted her letter for retirement not resignation as previously indicated.

The personnel matters approved during last Thursday's meeting included:

Certified:
Accept the resignation of Wayne Vickers, principal of Zion Chapel High School, effective June 30, 2002.

Accept the resignation of Marcus Howell, media specialist.

F & W PRODUCE

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Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Thank you for your tremendous support of my daughter, Carolyn Gibson, on June 4 in the Democratic Primary for State Auditor. My family has lived in Coffee County all our lives and Carolyn grew up in the Victoria/Jackson communities. As a young girl, she was always interested and active in the community and church. Carolyn loves people and never meets a stranger. She was a good student and graduated from Zion Chapel High School at the age of 16. Her father, the late Robert Hussey, and I have been proud of Carolyn for her dedication, ambition and always-remaining one of us and proud of her hometown. She has never forgotten where she grew up and is a loving, caring daughter.

Last year when we lost Robert after his accident, I depended on her strength to help me through this difficult time and she is always there for me. Now, I want to do something for her and that is to ask you to please return to the polls on Tuesday, June 25 and vote in the runoff election. She received 44.8% of the vote statewide among five candidates on June 4 and will face her nearest opponent on June 25. Carolyn will make a great State Auditor! She has the proven experience as the Chief of Staff for State Auditor, Susan Parker. Carolyn has been with the State Auditor since January 1999 and knows the job first hand. Carolyn graduated from Troy State University with a degree in Business and worked for Troy State University for more than 20 years. She has a wonderful husband, Don Gibson, and daughter, Angela and grandson, Tucker.

Like all mothers, I am very proud of my daughter and would appreciate your support and vote for her next Tuesday. God bless all of you.

Mrs. Jennie Hussey (Mother)
1506 County Road 221
Elba, AL 36323

Chief of Staff for State Auditor
January 1999 - Current



Carolyn GIBSON FOR STATE AUDITOR

- VOTE FOR EXPERIENCE
- VOTE FOR KNOWLEDGE
- VOTE FOR TRUSTWORTHINESS
- VOTE FOR ACCOUNTABILITY
- VOTE FOR A CANDIDATE WHO CARES ABOUT US!

Paid for by Gibson for Auditor Campaign, 8932 Charity Way, Montgomery, AL 36119

Centennial celebration held in New Brockton



**Dr. Bhagwan D. Bang
is relocating
his pediatric practice
to Opp, Alabama,
as of July 1, 2002**

He will continue to accept Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama, Medicaid, PHCS, Marsh Advantage and United Health Care. He will now accept Tri-Care.

He will have privileges at Mizell Memorial Hospital as well as Andalusia Regional Hospital.

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Board Certified in Pediatrics.
Five years overseas experience
in Neonatology (newborn specialist).

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MISCELLANEOUS

New Brockton High School Honor Roll - 2nd Semester

A-B	Eighth Grade: Ashlie Windham and Jeremy Wise.
A-B	Ninth Grade: Alexa Adams, Justin Corbett, Adam Crosby, Brandon Griswold, Heath Hollis, Tyler Moore, Andrea Proffitt, Matt Rogers, Tori Stone, Brittany Thomason and Ashley Tidwell.
A-B	Tenth Grade: Tommy Atkinson, Jerod Bell, Diana Cother, Jason Emond, Ian Gipps, Chelsey Hollis, Megan Holloway, Jamie Manley, Jessica Ogburn and Brandon Pyne.
A-B	Eleventh Grade: Rena Donaldson, Lashanda Flowers, Wendy Headspill, Glenn Kelley, Melinda McGlothlen, BreAnna McKenzie, Dusty Medley, Brandy Mitchell, Delora Moore and Joseph Sawyer.
A-B	Twelfth Grade: Brooke Anderson, Jessica Eubanks, Cassady Flowers, Lakya Flowers, Demetruis Foster, Latisha Gosha, Heather Harbuck, Laura Horton, Jeremy Mack, Britt Pearson, Josh Rodger, Ashley Senn, Emily D. Smith, Tiffany Smith and Tanner Medley, Chris Miranda.



ZION CHAPEL SENIOR CENTER OPENING. The Zion Chapel Senior Citizen Center recently became Coffee County's newest center to open as several elected officials joined the citizens of the community for an open house ceremony. The center is located on Alabama Hwy. 87 just below the Zion Chapel Schools. Those pictured above at the open house include: Miss Zion Chapel Sarah Maddox, Representative Terry Spicer, Future Little Miss Zion Chapel Kristian "Faith" Dewberry, Coffee County Commission Chairman Tom Grimsey, Addie Bell Wilkes, Little Miss Zion Chapel Aspin Cassidy Maulden, Coffee County Commissioner Linda Westbrook, Zion Chapel Senior Citizen Center manager Terri Senn and Senator Jimmy Holley.

MEETING NOTICE:

NAACP Coffee

County Branch #5017, monthly executive board meeting will be June 22 at 9:30 a.m. The monthly meeting will take place at 10:30 a.m. The meeting will be held at Johns Chapel AME Church in Enterprise, Ala. All members are urged to attend. Door prizes will be given. For more information call (334)393-6747.

A	Barlette, Holly Boswell, Jonathan Edwards, Angel Francisco, Bradley Hataway and Tasha Williams.
Ninth Grade:	Breeana Hattaway and Brittny Holley.
Tenth Grade:	Jeremy Driver, Courtney Farris, Garrett Parker, Candace Patterson, Ramsey Phillips and Marlowe and Megan Pland.
Eleventh Grade:	A.J. Davis, Danielle Kelley, Casey Mack, Amber McCall, Amber McKinney, Matthew Odum, Jonathan Hataway, Bridget Patterson, Ramsey Phillips and Lonnie Wood.
Twelfth Grade:	April Haworth and Patrick Nelson.

Ninth Grade: Tiffany Wilson.

Tenth Grade: Kasie Kelley, Meagan King, Blake Phillips, and Susie Johnson.

**Vote & Elect
Tom Dyess
Coffee County
School Board
District One
Democratic Primary
Runoff Election
June 25, 2002**



In 1952, Papa bought a new Ford truck for \$1,500 which included taxes, tag and a tank of gas. As you can see, that truck is still going strong after all these years. It has original equipment and several hundred thousand miles on it. It is still giving its best effort.

I want that same type of endurance and effort for the Coffee County schools and our students.

After all, the boys and girls of Coffee County deserve our best efforts.

**Please remember to Vote on June 25 and Elect
Tom Dyess as your Democratic Candidate for
Coffee County School Board District One**

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Tom Dyess, 1981 County Road 224, Elba, AL 36323

SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Father's Day always makes me stop and think about what kind of Father I am to my children, and how no matter how hard I try I can never seem to be as good a Father as my Dad was to me and my brothers. I work fifty-two weeks a year to try to give them the things they really need, and have spent countless hours with them playing ball in an attempt to share my few non-working hours. Still, when I look in the mirror, I can't help but blame myself for their shortcomings and their mistakes. We do have lots of good times together. However, being a Dad is by far the hardest job I have!

SWINGS & MISSES...

*** The second annual "Foggy Bottom Classic" will be held on Friday, Aug. 23, at Miller Memorial Stadium and this year it will be a Tale of the Tigers as the Elba Tigers host the Samson Tigers in a pre-season high school football game. The first annual pre-season clash took place last year between Elba and Zion Chapel, and the old stadium was packed for the cross country battle as both schools got the chance to get in actual game experience prior to the start of the season. It was also the biggest game of the year for both Elba and Zion Chapel, and the Elba Athlete Club raised big bucks at the concession stand, with all money going back to support the athletic program at Elba High. Elba and Samson renew their rivalry over the past two seasons, with both teams managing to win on the road. This year the pre-season clash will be the only meeting between the age-old rivals, and it should be quite a game for area fans to see. There will be a lot more publicity about the game as the date nears, but all Elba Tiger fans need to mark August 23 on their calendars and make plans for what everyone hopes will be their annual trip back to the banks of the river for a visit to Miller Memorial Stadium.

*** The honors continued to roll in for the Elba Tiger baseball team last week when Marcus Henderson was named "All-State" by The Birmingham News. Brandon Petty had earlier been named to the "Super 12" by The Dothan Eagle, and this is the first time I can remember two Tiger baseball players receiving post-season honors. With no seniors in the starting line-up on last season's state playoff team, maybe next year the Tigers will also chalk up some honors as a team.

*** The all-star voting is now complete in all baseball and softball league and I must stop and give the coaches a pat on the back for the professional way in which they picked the teams. The coaches all took a long look at the players and honestly tried to pick the best players in the teams that will represent the leagues in post season.

The big concern for the Dixie Minor and Dixie Youth All-Stars both now that the coaches voted, yet neither made the all-star team, and at least two individuals who were on the team that would have made the teams, but didn't as the coaches voted in what they hope will be the best team possible. I know that many very good players were left off the teams. However, this year the coaches did their best, and hopefully it will show when the teams hit the field.

*** In closing, I read in a paper where former Alabama coach Ronnie Cottrell spoke at a club last week in North Alabama and stated that he had been cleared by the NCAA report and insisted that the university had done nothing wrong. The article brought up the fact Coach Cottrell had borrowed money from an Alabama supporter and had also helped a player get a speeding ticket and sold a ticket to a bowl game. Hey, Cottrell paid back the loan after he sold his house in Tallahassee, and the NCAA didn't even mention the other two incidents. I always knew that politicians lived in glass houses, but now it also seems like the only news papers look for, even in sports, is bad news.

DON'T FORGET TO HEAD BACK TO THE POLLS ON JUNE 25 FOR THE RUN-OFF ELECTIONS.... MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT!

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Elba's Marcus Henderson named "All-State"

The Birmingham News, the state's largest daily newspaper, announced its 2002 "All-State" High School baseball teams last week, and included among the honorees in Class 3A was Elba Tiger standout Marcus Henderson.

Henderson, a junior, batted .421 with 5 home-runs and 30 runs-batted-in for the Tigers, and was named to the All-State team as an outfielder.

Area players receiving honorable mention included Elba's Brandon Petty, Northview's Jason Myers, Geneva's Matt Barton, Geneva's Drew Roney, Straughn's Michael Hobbs, Red Level's Evan Milton, Red Level's Kenny Skipper, Houston Academy's Brent Hardy, Houston Academy's Dab Tankersley, Straughn's Justin Clark, G.W. Long's Wade Whately, G.W. Long's Ben Woods, G.W. Long's Eric Long, Brantley's Brian Kervin and Kinston's Patrick Nelson.

Marlins claim Dixie Minor title with wins over Astros

*** **Astros 8 Cardinals 7** - The Astros pulled ahead early and held on late to edge past the Cardinals 8-7 in Dixie Minor Baseball League action. The Astros plated 8 runs in the bottom of the first inning to grab a quick 8-0 lead, but saw the Cardinals rally and had to hold on in the final at-bat to claim the exciting win. Kyle Pope had a double and scored 1 run to lead the Astros, which took advantage of 11 walks. Justin Mallory had a triple to lead the Cardinals at the plate, while Mike Martin scored 2 runs.

*** **Pirates 7 Indians 5** - The Pirates stayed as late as possible to defeat the Indians 7-5, in Dixie Minor Youth Baseball League action. The Pirates trailed 5-3 after three innings, but scored 4 runs in the top of the fourth to take the lead. Richard Cooks added 2 hits, including a home-run and also scored 3 runs. Bobby Hudson and Martin McCormick both added 2 hits and scored 1 run. Justin Winters and Jordan McBride both had 1 hit and hit 1 run to lead the Rays.

*** **Marlins 24 Astros 15** - The Marlins broke loose for 11 runs in the top of the sixth to break a 13-13 tie and rolled to a big 24-15 win over the Astros, in Dixie Minor Youth Baseball League action. The Astros had scored 5 runs in the bottom of the fifth to pull even at 13-13, but then watched as the Marlins combined 3 hits with 12 walks in the sixth to regain command and post the big win. Taylor Cotton had 3 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Pirates at the plate, while Gavin Flowers and Colton Vaughan added 1 hit and scored 4 runs and Kevin Allen added 1 hit and scored 1 run. William Hooks scored 4 runs, while Michael Spurlin and Brandon Byrd both scored 3 runs and Jantzen Flowers, DJ McKee and Tony Morris all scored 2 runs. Devin Jackson had 1 hit and scored 4 runs to lead the Astros, while Ryan Pope added 1 hit and scored 3 runs and Ben Peay had 1 hit and scored 1 run. Josh Johnson and Kyle Pope both scored 2 runs.

*** **Marlins 16 Cardinals 1** - The Marlins scored early and often to shoot down the Cardinals 16-1, in Dixie Minor Baseball League action. The Marlins held a slim 2-1 lead after one inning, but scored 11 runs in the second to blow the game open and rolled to the win. Ianzen Flowers got 3 hits and scored 3 runs to lead the Marlins at the plate, while Michael Spurlin added 3 hits and scored 1 run; Brandon Byrd added 2 hits and scored 3 runs; William Hooks, Colton Vaughan, and Kevin Allen all added 1 hit and scored 2 runs; and D.J. McKee and Taylor Cotton both added 1 hit and scored 1 run.

*** **Pirates 7 Rays 3** - The Pirates pulled ahead early and then pulled away late to down the Rays 7-3, in Dixie Youth Baseball League action. The Pirates pulled ahead 4-3 in the third inning and then plated 3 runs to lead the Astros.

*** **Marlins 11 Astros 3** - The Marlins scored early and often to shoot down the Astros 11-3, in Dixie Minor Youth Baseball League action. The Marlins scored 7 runs in the top of the first inning to grab a quick 7-0 lead and coasted with the easy 11-3 win. Michael Spurlin had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Marlins, while Taylor Cotton added 2 hits and scored 2 runs. D.J. McKee and Taylor Jackson had 1 hit and scored 1 run for the Astros.



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Football and cheerleader registration now underway

Youth football registration will be held in Elba from June 15-July 1 for all boys and girls ages 7-12. Tackle football will be divided into four categories: 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, and Pee-wee (ages 11-12), with a players age being based upon their age on August 1, 2002. All players that register during the sign-up period will be guaranteed a spot on a team roster, while all players that register after the deadline will be added to a team only if that team had not reached its limit of players. Registration fee is \$20 per player, and equipment may be rented from the Recreation Department for \$20 for the season.

Practice will begin the first week of August, with the opening games set for the first week in September. The season will consist of seven games and all games will be played on Saturday nights, with half of the games to be played in other cities.

Registration for youth football cheerleaders in Elba will be held from June 15-July 1 at the Elba Community Center. Cheerleader registration is for the fall youth football program and is being held early to help parents and squad members order cheerleader uniforms and supplies for those that plan to cheer during the 2002 season. The football program will begin practice in August, and it is important that girls register now! Cheerleading squads will be based upon a girls age on August 1, 2002. All players that register during the sign-up period will be guaranteed a spot on a team roster, while all players that register after the deadline will be added to a team only if that team had not reached its limit of players. Registration fee is \$20 per player, and equipment may be rented from the Recreation Department for \$20 for the season.

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A mini-tournament will be held on July 25, with parents invited to attend beginning at 10:00 AM.

The cost of the camp is \$60 per person, and checks should be made payable to Coach Amelia Rhoades. For more information, contact Coach Rhoades at 897-2266 (school) or 565-3240 (home). Checks may be mailed to Amelia Rhoades, 1817 County Road 664, Kinston, Alabama 36453.

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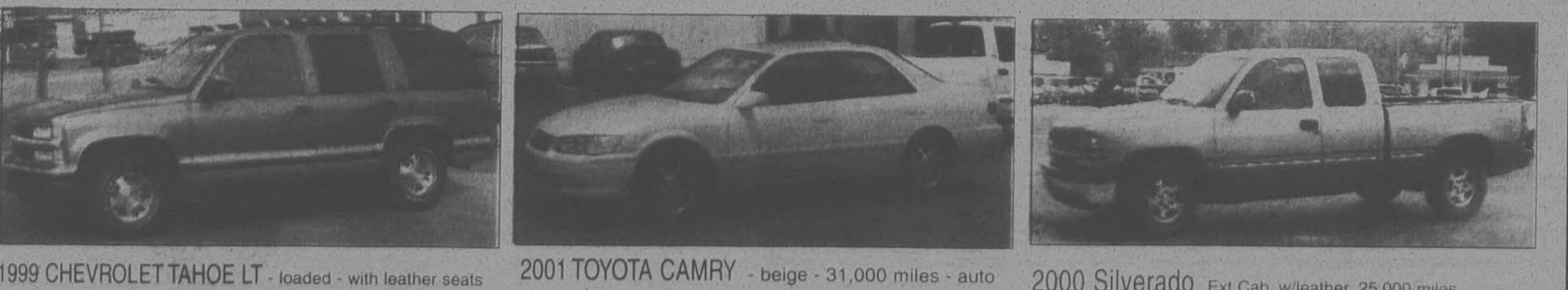
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In Elba County BOE, District One race

Walker receives Democratic nomination

by Linda Hodge, Editor

As was the case for the time, the Primary election voter turnout in Coffee County remained low for the Primary Run-off Election Tuesday, June 25, with only 2,346 balloting cast.

The Democratic runoff election contained the only county race as the voters in District One nominated their candidate for the Coffee County Board of Education. This race found incumbent Charles Walker taking on Tom Dyess, a former member of the board of education.

After the balloting was cast in the June 4 Primary election, Dyess edged Walker by only seven votes. During Tuesday's run-off election, the race remained very tight, however, it was Walker who came out on top this time with 13 votes separating the two candidates.

The final vote tally found Walker finishing with 229 votes (50.83%), compared to 215 votes (49.17%) for Dyess. Walker will now face Republican Keith Ward in the

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NOTICE

The General
Election will be
held Tuesday,
Nov. 5, 2002.

During New Brockton Town Council meeting

Town Hall meeting set to discuss financial situation options

by Linda Hodge, Editor

To waive the fee

at approximately the next regular meeting of the council on

July 1, at 7 p.m.

With that said, the council

members began discussing sev-

eral options to implement in an

effort to generate revenue for

New Brockton.

Council member Vicki

Harrison said she would like to

put these options before the

public and hear their comments

before any decision was made.

Therefore, the council decid-

ed to hold a town hall meeting

Coffee County Commission rescinds old motion

Donations allowed for road paving and upkeep

by Linda Hodge, Editor

since Southern Management

had not proven to be a responsi-

ble service provider.

The next lowest bid belonged

to Hall's Cleaning Service at

\$26,000; however this bid did

not meet specifications.

Therefore, the bid was awarded

to CSI at \$28,592.

District Attorney Mark Fuller

addressed the commission and

asked permission to construct a

storage building on the county's

property at the D.A.'s office in

Enterprise.

Fuller said a decision had

been made that each district

council member be responsible

for storing all criminal and ci-

vilian files. He said all these files

must be kept and not thrown

away. Also, Fuller said some

other types of court files must

be kept for a certain number of

years.

With this addition of stored

materials, he said he was going

to need to build a storage build-

ing.

Fuller told commissioners

that his office falls under the

same bid law as the commission

which will allow him to award

the bid for the construction of

the building, and his office will

pay for the construction. He said

his purpose at Monday's meet-

ing simply was to get the com-

mmission's permission to build

the building since the property

belongs to the county.

Commissioner Kaye Lewis

made an attempt to allow the dis-

trict attorney to construct a

storage building on the county's

property in Enterprise. He re-

ceived a second from

Commissioner Jim Thompson,

and the motion passed by a

unanimous vote.

Coffee County Revenue

Commissioner Ronnie Burns

presented his annual report to

commissioners Monday morn-

ing and asked for its approval.

Burns said ad valorem taxes

on personal and real property

from Oct. 1, 2001 through June

12, 2002 were \$7,635,274.76.

He said the county's portion of

this money was \$1,150,016.96

with \$563,930.74 going to the

road and bridge fund.

Burns said this budget was

within \$5-10,000 of the previous

year's budget.

The commission voted unani-

mously to approve the budget

presented by the revenue com-

missioner.

regards to the paving an

upkeep of county roads, Mobley

addressed the commission and

asked for its approval.

Mobley said he had looked at